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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
18	Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">Programs "Reconstruct Segments of Hollister Avenue between State Route 154 and San Antonio Road (MPO Id: CO19HP)" and "Reconstruct and rehabilitate various roads within the 24th Congressional District of the Santa Barbara County (MPO Id: CO20HP)" projects for the Santa Barbara County. These projects are funded from the High Priority Projects Program. See Enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 18 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for projects in air quality attainment area that is exempt from the conformity determination requirement. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP. Financial plan do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by SBCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SBCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde, of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Jim Kemp - Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- Karin Hodin - Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- ✓ Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans